



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(h)

Mr. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

PATENT APPLICATION

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NONPROVISIONAL
NON REISSUE
NON PCT NAT PHASE

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Sir

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): HAGANO et al.

Title FUEL TANK AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Atty. Dkt.: P 290766 T36-142915M/AIO
M# Client Ref

including

Date: March 5, 2002

1. Specification: 46 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration Original Facsimile/Copy Abstract 1 page(s); 15 numbered claims
4. Drawings: 16 sheet(s) informal; formal of size: A4 11"
5. See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete item 6 or 7). (Prior M# SN)
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. / filed _____
No. / filed _____
No. / filed _____

No. PCT / filed

designated the US and that International Application was was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

7. See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

8. Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. Assignee (optional): _____

Address _____

Application No.		(country)	
Filing Date		Application No.	
(1) 2001-064929	March 8, 2001	(2) 2001-090742	March 27, 2001
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/>	See 3 rd page for additional priorities

12. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): attached; previously filed (date) _____
 in U.S. Application No. _____ / filed on _____

13. Small entity status is not claimed; is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)

13(a). Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

13(b). See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)		(4)	
(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

15. This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. Attached:

17. Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

			Large/Small Entity	Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee			\$740/\$370	\$740
19. Total Effective Claims	15	minus 20 =	*0 x \$18/\$9 =	+ 0 103/203
20. Independent Claims	3	minus 3 =	*0 x \$84/\$42 =	+ 0 102/202
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				* If answer is zero or less, enter "0".
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				+ \$280/\$140 + 0 104/204
22. <u>TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED =</u>				<u>\$740</u>
23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee			+ \$130	+ 0 139
24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee			+ \$40	+ 40 581
25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.			+ \$130	+ 0 122
26.			<u>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</u>	<u>\$780</u>

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

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